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Vanderbilt SAE's Present "True

Gentleman" Award To Academy
Richard Felker, president of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity at Vanderbilt University, presented MBA with the newly created "True Gentleman" award in a recent Academy assembly.

Maroon Declaimers Prep For Annual Speech Contest

Informal Barbecue Scheduled For M. B. A. Grads May 11; Alumni Group May Result



Alumni News

MBA Grads Set **Top College Record**

Bottom O' Afternoon

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Spring-An Athletic Blank?

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For longer than anyone can remember and for some reason no one knows, football and basketball have completely dominated the interscholastic sports scene. It's only right that we should be proud of our football and basketball teams here at MBA; with the football team finishing its season unbeaten and with the basketball team advancing farther in the prep tournaments any any other MBA team ever has, 1949-1950 has been, athletically speaking, a wonderful school year for us up till now. The question is—what will it be from now on? As we all know, student support is valuable to the success of any team representing the school. Of course, we don't have cheerleaders for baseball, tennis, golf; they'd be out of place. And a cheering mob (except at baseball games) would be out of place too. The kind of support we need for these "minor" sports is this: show the teams that we're proud of them when they win, that we appreciate their efforts when they lose; show other schools by our presence at baseball games and by refraining from making fun of our teams, that we're solidy behind our boys who play golf, tennis, and baseball, as well as those who played football and basketball.

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Knocking is one of the easiest things in the world to do. It only takes a thimbleful of brains. And it is the cheapest and easiest way to attract attention. But it is a mighty expensive amusement. Everybody hates a knocker. And by and by everybody is afraid of him.

No man ever got very high by pulling other people down. The intelligent merchant does not knock his competitors. The sensible worker does not knock those who work with him. Don't knock your friends. Don't knock your renemies. Don't knock yourself.

However you may feel, don't allow yourself to say cutting things. Speak pleasantly of everybody whether you are pleasantly disposed or not.

Shakespeare said, "Assume a virtue if you have it not." Boost and you will be boosted. Knock and you will be knocked.

—From Everyday Wisdom

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Personality of the Month



MORRIS FERGUSON

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The Bell Ringer's selection as the outstanding personality for this month is big, easy-going, likeable Morris Fergeson. Pergie is a true example of the fine scholar and Entering MHA as a sophomore, he immediately embarked upon his athletic carcer, starting at tackle for Coach Hackman's once-defeated Best team of that year. The foliation of the selection of the

standing in the upper third of his add to all these accomplishments a likeable personality, a wonderful sense of humor, and a willingness to help out in any problem and it are readily be seen why Big Fergie is Personality of the Month. Favorite subject—math Hardest subject—English Most-hated subject—English Easiest subject—history Pavorite food — Spaghetti and most-bated food — Spaghetti and Most-hated food—Liver

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Most-hated food—Liver
Favorite Sport—Football
Favorite comic strip—L'il Abner
Favorite Actress—Ingrid Berg-

MTHSPA Meets At North High School

North High School

Mid-state high school editors met
masse January 14 at North
High for the first 1980 session of
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Our Historic, Heroic, Humorous Past

by John Adams

It was a Saturday morning in 1925, about ten o'clock. Mamie had just finished ironing Mr. Ball's white shirts when it happened. The main building was on fire. The fire spread fast and was soon out of control. So fast in fact did it go that very little was saved. Lost were school records, pictures, trophies, Mr. Ball's white shirts—everything.

Pan-Hellenics Give **Spring Dance Dates** Nashville's prep school Pan-Hel-lenie fraternities and sororities re-cently announced dates for the nearing spring dances. The sched-ule as given to the Councils is as follows: Friday, March 24—Kappa Delta Theta sorority.

Friday, April 21—Alpha Can fraternity. Friday, April 28—Kappa Phi

Friday, April 28—Kappa Phi fraternity. Friday, May 5—Sigma Pi Ome-ga fraternity. Friday, May 12—Sigma Alpha Delta fraternity.

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Over Forty Years

In Business

trophies, Mr. Ball's white shir What was this old building like? It was much like its replacement on the exterior, but somewhat different inside. The kitehen was when the sent the food up to the dining room, where the Honer Room is, on a dumb-waiter. The stairs were a dumb-waiter. The stairs were in the middle of the building. From the top of this rotunda Mamie said she "use to look down on school dances."

Friday, March 24—Kappa Delta Theta scorrity. Friday, March 31—Delta Gam-ma Beta scorrity. Thursday, April 6—Delta Sigma fraternity. Friday, April 14—Delta Beta Sigma scorrity. Friday, April 21—Alpha Chi fraternity.

News Briefs

Academy Hears
Music Programs
A series of musical programs has
been a feature of recent MBA assemblies.

semblies.

Planned by pianist Eddie Deck, these programs have so far included several songs by Mrs. Harry Wilk with vocals by Bob Wilk; two religious songs by Hillsboro music head Mrs. D. J. Johns, accompanied by Miss Margie Gowens of Hillsboro; and the lives of George Gershwin and Stephen Foster—sones by Eddie Deck, narration by Diek Cantrell.

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Maroon Highlights

After finishing a season such as '49-50 has been in both football and basketball, the question of how this year's teams stack up with those of past years naturally comes up. The answer: in 1994-50, MBA's combined football-basketball record is 35-5, third best since Coach Allen arrived in 1934 to take charge of MBA's athletic program. The most successful year's 1938-39, when Lewis Lyne, Phil Cutchin, and Tommy Owen led the Maroon gridders to a 9-0 season and then sparked that season's Big Red cage outfit, which wound up with a 22-2 record.

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Last year's football and basketball teams together rolled up a 30-3 record for the second best overall performance during Coach Allen's tenure. Nevertheless, this year's teams, together with last year's, have recorded the best won-lost mark over a two-year span of any teams produced by Allen in consecutive years.

Although baseball is, at this writing, several weeks off, a quick glance at the returnees gives MBA's diamond fans some cause for optimism about the coming season. The boys counted on to supply offensive punch are Charley Hawkins and Jimmy Ray, who will pitch and play the infield, respectively, while the Marcons are in the field. Jack Leech, back at MBA after a year at Litton, is slated to eatch, while Francis Horn is back as an infielder-outfielder from last year's team. Charley McDaniel and Somers Randolph, two more infielders, will also be playing their second year as Marcons, to give Coach Allen a nucleus of capable veterans around which to build a team for 1950.

During the District and Regional basketball tournaments recently, MBA students really made the rafters ring—an abrupt about face from the slim crowds and listless cheering of the regular season. Coach wasn't the only one who "nearly fell through the floor"; the team really appreciated the support too.

Compliments of A Friend

Maroons Climax Cage Season With City Title, Lose To Jackets In Regionals

The Big Red cinched the unofficial Interscholastic League title by decisioning the Hume-Fogg Blue Devils, 57-37, on MBA's court. It was a very satisfactory victory for the Red as Hume-Fogg had clipped them in the season's first game. The scoring was evenly divided for the contest, with Bill Coble taking honors with 16, Hawkins close behind with 13, and Oman In a post-season game played at East High School the Big Red's tournament hopes were rudely joited by the Eagles as they fell, 475.33. (1994) West Hope of the Red School of t

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Scirton Oman, and Carl Gates comBEA as convincing 53-40 victory
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hunter of the Nashville.
Marcons from the regional tourney
built up a 15-4 first period lead as
they hit six of fourteen field goal
attempts while holding the Jackets
to a single crip. The Marcons coolond period, and Springfield pulled
up to 21-16 at half-time. Late in
the third quarter the score was 23abead. The baskets alternated for
several minutes until with four
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MaA's tennis team, led by State Junior Champion Inman

Fox, will open its 1950 season here on April 11 with Darlington
Academy of Rome, Georgia.

This year the Maroon netters
will be shooting for their sixth straight Nashville prep tennis championship against some
of the best opposition they've had
in several years: Lipseomb, led by
the Bradshaws, Bill and Ben; DuPont, with Amos Jarman; Litton,
whose squad is packed with one
est outlist the Maroons will run into
while away from home are
Clarkaville High, Castle Heights,
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Coach Rule is relying on co-captains Fox and Fontaine McDaniel,
along with Sambo Harwell, to lead
his '50 team. Boys who'll probably
be trying for the other places in
the starting lineup are Jay Johns,
Floyd Howell, Cary McNelly, Bobbly
George Smarth.

Wood Quintet Wins Annual Intramural

Annual Intramural
Slapping a 44 to 38 defeat on
George Williams' quint, Captain
Lew Wood's unbeaten intramural
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vision title in the play-off game of
the annual Key Club tournament.
The Woodmen, undefeated and
never even slightly pushed in the
regular season, used resmaladed
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Cohie: "The biggest thril I got out of the tournament came in the Ryan game when I looked at the scoreboard, which showed that with only thirty seconds to play we had a four-point lead. It was, for a folding at the end."

Hawkins: "Finally winning a semi-finals game in the district (Continued on page 4, col. 1)

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Maroons Cop Second District Tournament

MBA Quint Shakes Tourney Jinx, Rolls To District Title

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Opening up what promised to be the best tourney in which MBA has ever participated, the Red slipped by little Duncan by a narrow 39-29 count. Playing without the services of flu-ridden forward of the services of the

38 Maroons Pull Down 1st Term 90s

(21), J. Williams (93.5).
Tenth grade: J. Anderson (92),
Bibb (92.8), H. Blackwood (93.8),
Cate (95.5), Cragon (91.4), J.
Duncan (92.8), Elliston (90.8),
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Butter (90.3), Johns (1),
Williams (90.3), Johns (1),
Williams (90.3), Johns (1),
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Eleventh grade: Deck (93.3), C.
McDaniel (90.5),
Twelfth grade: Bryan (90.8),
Creell (94.8), Carney (93.5),
Cornell (94.8), Carney (93.5),
Keilly (93.3), E. McNeilly (93.5),
Keilly (93.3), E. McNeilly (93.3), E. McNeilly

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Key Club News

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